

As a citizen of the United States, and an avid consumer of media, I am deeply concerned about the trend towards media deregulation currently unfolding. I believe that diverse media ownership is at the foundation of a functioning free press system. It is this type of free press that is the oxygen of democracy, and any moves to decrease the restrictions on ownership of multiple media companies would constitute moves to suffocate our essential democratic dialogue.

Deregulation has it's place - and media is not one of them. Our founding fathers built protections into the constitution because they saw the importance of a vibrant, free, and diverse media system to our democracy. It provides crucial checks and balances and if anything should change, diversity of ownership should be increased not decreased.